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**NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER** . . . Robert Stephens (left) meets with county commission members Sid Averett and Eugene Bradley during a break in Monday's of the Coffee County Commission. Stephens will replace Commissioner Billy Paul Owens, who passed away last week.

## Stephens appointed

Gov. George C. Wallace announced last weekend that he had appointed Robert Stephens, age 63, of Elba, to fill the unexpired term of Billy Paul Owens on the Coffee County Commission.

Owens died last week of a massive heart attack after serving 18 months on the commission.

Stephens, a member of the Elba City Council at the time of the appointment, is a farmer and the owner of a country store in Damascus, and is also a member of the Lions Club, American Legion and the Cattleman's Association, and is a Mason.

## School Board looks for means of getting additional funds

The Elba City School Board met Thursday afternoon under the leadership of chairman Bill Cowart. Past chairman Butch Oggs was absent from the meeting.

The first item of business was opening of bids for the purchase of new tables to be used in the elementary lunchroom. Three bids were submitted; however, two of them didn't meet specifications, and the lone bidder with proper requirements was Terrell Enterprises of Greenville, Ala., with a bid

of \$11,025. This bid was accepted. The two unsuccessful bidders offered the requested table with attached stools, but they had a bar across the bottom that could cause a child to stumble, and this was specifically prohibited in the specifications.

Board members were told by Supt. Bill Crews that he had been informed by high school principal

All members of the commission were present at Monday's meeting.

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## To satisfy Federal Court

## New commissioner to be elected in September

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 14, at the courthouse in Elba and heard county attorney Warren Rowe report that the county had settled out of court a lawsuit concerning a request for redistricting the commission, and that a special election would be held on Sept. 2, 1986, to elect a new commissioner from a predominantly black district.

Rowe stated the plan, yet to be approved by the federal court, would create seven districts in Coffee County, with all seven commissioners to seek re-election in 1988. The probate judge, currently the chairman of the commission, will become a non-voting member when the new seventh commissioner takes office in November and will be removed from the commission entirely in 1989 when the complete seven-member board takes office at the same time.

Beginning in 1989, the commission annually will pick one of its members as chairman and the position will rotate with a new chairman to preside every 12 months.

The new commissioner will be selected by the qualified voters in District 5 at the Sept. 2 primary, with a runoff set for Sept. 23 if needed. The commissioner will take office after the general election in November.

"The new district lines have been determined," said Rowe, "and it will be a monumental task to determine the qualified voters in the district. A list of qualified voters must be published by early August, and the deadline will cause a problem for those having to compile the list."

The lawsuit was originally brought against Crenshaw County; however, the suit later became a class action suit and several counties were added, including Coffee, which contended the county's method of electing commissioners was legal. The settlement ends the county's legal fight and brings about a new age of electing commissioners in Coffee County County as in all future elections only the voters in each district will select their commissioner.

All members of the commission were present at Monday's meeting.

including newly-appointed commissioner Robert Stephens, who sat in the gallery and viewed the goings-on simply as a spectator. Stephens was appointed Saturday by Gov. George Wallace to complete the unexpired term of Billy Paul Owens, who died last week following a massive heart attack.

After opening the meeting with a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of the late Commissioner Owens, the members discussed recent bids received on materials to build a new multi-purpose facility at the Farm Center in New Brockton.

The county has received a \$25,000 grant to aid in the construction of the facility and also has a pledge of another \$100,000 from the governor; however, the original bids were in excess of the money now on hand and the commission delayed action on the bids until it could study the bids and alternate means of financing. The commission stated at Monday's meeting that it would borrow funds from a different county fund and accept the low bid of \$31,078 from the Andalusia Development Company. The work will be done by county labor and the funds will be repaid when additional funds arrive.

Two representatives of investment companies reviewed the highly-publicized cafeteria plan of saving tax dollars for employees and the employer and the commission took both plans under advisement. The plan will reportedly save the employees money through varied methods of deduction and could save the county anywhere from \$12,000 to \$18,000 a year.

Virgil Coleman, owner of a funeral home in Elba, addressed the commission about a problem facing many funeral home operators: how to collect the cost of burials from indigent cases. Coleman stated he buries about a dozen people each year without any payment of any kind, and said he has already buried seven people this year who had no form of insurance and no money in the bank. He reported he could not go on bearing the cost of all indigent burials, but also couldn't refuse to bury a deceased person. He asked the county if it could possibly aid in

the cost of such funerals; the commission stated it didn't have the funds, but would look for an answer. The voting house in Beat 21 was a topic of discussion as the owner of the property on which the voting house stands asked the commission if the voting house could possibly be moved.

David Taylor, who lives next to the voting house and owns the property on which it stands, said he cuts the grass around the voting house and has to keep up the property, yet on voting days he can't even use his driveway. He asked the commission to consider moving the voting house, or at least live up to the agreement signed when the land for the house was first given.

The commission agreed to live up to the terms of the agreement, but told Taylor that it had a 25-year lease with a 25-year option and had no plans to abandon or move the voting house.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission:

\*\*\*Adopted the minutes of the previous meeting with a slight revision;

\*\*\*Made a \$1,000 donation to the Coffee County Association for

## Crimestoppers seek help in solving burglary at Green's

Green's Grocery in Victoria was hit by burglars sometime late Thursday, July 10, or early Friday, July 11.

Sheriff Brice Paul says the thief or thieves entered the store's back door and took money and merchandise from the building.

Deputy Buddy Ammons says the exact time of the crime has been narrowed to the hours between 10 p.m. Thursday and 6 a.m. Friday.

After forcing the rear door open, he said the thieves entered the building, took a video cassette recorder, two satellite television receiver boxes, one satellite television control box and several parts.

Also missing were two walkie

talkies and money kept in an Elba Exchange bank bag. Although the thieves took money from the cash register and placed it in a cigar box, Ammons says they apparently forgot and left it behind at the scene.

The Victoria Community is located 10 miles north of Elba on the Brundidge Highway. If you were traveling in the vicinity of this crime location between the hours of 10 p.m. Thursday and 6 a.m. Friday and saw anything unusual, you are asked to call Crimestoppers at 347-STOP, or the sheriff's department at 897-5012 or 347-2616.

Callers do not have to give their names and are assigned code numbers to use when it is time to pick up reward money.

\*\*\*was told that federal funds were available to make the intersection of Highways 125 and 167 north of Victoria safer to motorists; and

\*\*\*reported water service was back on to the residents of the Shiloh Community.

## President Reagan explains proposed tax plan to Wiregrass residents

### Dothan's pride was showing....

The Dothan Civic Center was overflowing with patriotism and Southern hospitality when President Ronald Reagan made his historic visit to the Wiregrass last week.

Thousands of volunteers spent countless hours preparing for the event. Red, white and blue balloons hung in massive arrangements from the ceiling, and banners with special messages for the president adorned the walls.

The banners told President Reagan that Wiregrass people support him with messages like "We support tax reform," "Liberty rings over Dothan," "We need a strong America," "Proud 2-B an American," and "Welcome to the Wiregrass Mr. President."

Long banquet tables held bouquets of fresh carnations, and large platters of food and watermelon fruit baskets.

Twenty-five hundred people joined the president for a lunch which included fried chicken, lima beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh fruit, brownies, and of course, peanuts. After all, the president was visiting the peanut capitol of the world.

The waitresses who served the food were volunteers; most of them said they had never been 'waitresses' before - except at home with their families.

One lady said she had worried all night she might spill something. Another, who actually served the president, said it had "Crossed her mind more than once" that she might spill something.

Each of the forty ladies who worked as 'waitresses' had to be cleared by the Secret Service two days in advance.

But all agreed that "It was a pleasure and an honor" to even get to work at the historic event.

Musical entertainment was provided by a Dixieland Jazz Band and the Troy State University Summer Band, rendering such melodies as "Alabama Jubilee," "God Bless America," "This is My Country," and "Hail to the Chief."

Among those who helped provide entertainment for the president's visit were two of Elba's own - Ben Mallory and Kent Morrow, both members of Troy State University's summer band.

The crowd waved flags and tapped their feet to the music as they anxiously awaited the arrival of the president.

The president's table was set in the main arena in front of the podium, and he especially requested that a local person not involved in politics sit with him. The honor went to Mrs. Louise Cramer, a retired elementary teacher.

Mrs. Cramer said she reminded the president that he was in the South, and to go right ahead and eat his chicken with his hands.

As early as 7:30 a.m. Thursday morning, lines were beginning to form at the entrances to the Civic Center.

Although the building was not opened until 10 a.m., by 11 a.m. the Civic Center was filled. The president arrived at noon.

President Reagan had said that he wanted to take his tax program "down home" to the grassroots, and that is exactly what he did when he came to the Wiregrass last Thursday.

Reagan joined about 2500 others in the Dothan Civic Center for a "down home" Southern meal and patriotic entertainment before delivering his tax address.

The president was overwhelmed by the welcome he received. In addition to the 2500 who cheered him on at the Civic Center, an estimated crowd of 10,000 lined the streets of Dothan to wave and cheer the presidential motorcade.

"I've always wondered why it says in Genesis, 'Let us go unto Dothan,'" the president quipped. "Now I'm beginning to get the idea. I think the only thing better than Southern hospitality is Southern cooking," he said. He had just been served fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, lima beans, fresh fruit, rolls, brownies, peanuts and lots of iced tea.

Turning to more serious matters, Reagan discussed his tax proposal, saying that Alabama's senators and the representative from this district had given his program strong support.

Sen. Howell Heflin (D-Ala.), Sen. Jeremiah Denton (R-Ala.) and Congressman Bill Dickinson (R-Ala.) made the trip to Dothan with the president.

The president's program would simplify the income tax program by reducing the number of tax brackets. Although there are currently about 14 different tax brackets, the president is pushing for two brackets for individuals and a third for corporations. The individual tax brackets would be 15 and 27 percent, while the corporation bracket would be 33 percent.

"Under this new and simpler system, the average tax burden on individuals would be cut by 6.4 percent. That works out to some \$215 a year in savings for the average taxpayer," he said.



**PRESIDENT ADDRESSES ALABAMIANS** . . . President Ronald Reagan speaks to an overflow crowd at the Dothan Civic Center during last Thursday's visit to Dothan. President Reagan came to the Wiregrass in an attempt to draw support for his proposed tax reform package.

The bill is currently in a conference committee made up of members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Reagan said he would not support any bill unless it allows for strong economic growth, simplification of taxes and growth for the future. He said he wanted the bill to "help the middle class - who get up and go to work and support their churches and charities."

Although some taxes would actually be lower under the new provision, the president said the federal government would be in better shape because "large corporations could not escape being

taxed."

"Income tax was originally defined by nine words. Now it takes a 57-foot-long shelf to hold all the volumes of income tax regulations," Reagan said.

Reagan said that he has been working toward tax reform since he was first elected in 1980, when "the country was in the most serious economic turmoil since the Great Depression."

"At that time the critics of my economic plan called it 'Reaganomics,'" he said. "Since things have gotten better, they've stopped talking about Reaganomics. Isn't it great to pull up to a gas

station and see a sign that says 'Reaganomics'?"

After leaving the president produced a "tax ax" that had been presented to him by Senator Denton on a previous trip to Alabama.

"Now I must get back to Washington and put it to good use," he said.

President Reagan said his trip to Dothan reminded him "how important it is to get out among the people."

"You've let me return to the real America, and I thank you."

Stories & Picture by Michele Cox





## Brainstorms....

With Ferrin Cox

The Elba School Board openly discussed their crying need for additional money last Thursday. It was very plain that additional money was necessary to continue the schools as we expect them to be operated. Without this added money, the school would have to be altered, so that it would be hard to recognize - or worse, very ineffective.

Mayor Bob English spent a few days in the hospital this week. One of the things being checked was to be sure the pains were not caused by a heart attack. We had a couple of callers ask if he really had a heart attack, and when we assured them his doctor had ruled out such a happening, they sighed a sigh of relief and said they were really happy to hear that he actually had a heart! Good luck, Mayor.

The dividing of Coffee County into seven new commissioner districts is a foregone conclusion. We looked at the proposal agreed on by both sides one day this week and it is going to create some real problems. The district lines don't follow any logical boundaries in most cases, plus we will only vote for the commissioner in our district. By the time you read this, the federal judge will have either accepted or rejected the plan. We expect it to be accepted and we must all live with it.

The cyanide threats in foods has got to be being done by some sick folks. We don't know why someone called stores in Chicago and Detroit and said there was some poison in certain foods, but it happened. We heard briefly however that the FBI had arrested one man for this activity. We hope they have, and if he is really guilty, he should be hung at high noon.

We were talking to some folks this week about baseball and the advantages of having a "school" for interested youngsters. Our idea was to do it now, but that was shot down. Sports nuts are already thinking football. We bow to their desires but would like to wait until the weather drops 40 or 50 degrees before we start talking football.

Interest rates continue to drop with the latest cut in the prime following a similar cut in the rates banks must pay to borrow. That is good for us who borrow money, but not so good for the retired person counting on that interest earned to make that social security check go a little further. Also bad is the accompanying drop in stock market prices. While interest rates are the lowest in about eight years, stocks are dropping and dropping. We just hope they are not trying to set them a new record like the interest rate record! Not that we would lose a bundle, but those who spend money with us would hurt in feelings if not in their pocketbooks.

The debate on restricting smoking in public places goes on across the nation. However, Florida has already passed such a law and we don't see or hear any big flap there. Folks seem to accept the rules and those who want to smoke seem to find them a place to do so legally. Nationwide the political types and the chain smokers are about ready to go up and fight over the issue. Both contend it is their right. As a former smoker, we have some opinions on this. We put down our pipe several years ago - not for health reasons, but that is a positive side benefit. Our idea was that if we had both hands free to work, we would get caught up. It didn't work, but since we were stopped already it was best we didn't start back. We support the rights of those bothered or worried about the danger of cigarette, cigar or pipe smoke, not to be subjected to inhaling it, if that is their desire. This can be done in public and at the work place with little problem for any except the chain smoker.

President Reagan showed his usual charm last Friday when he visited Dothan. We also salute the people of Dothan for a job well done. They unshackled their talents as soon as the word got out that the president was coming to town. They put forth a nice face for the president and the nation to see, and they can hold their heads high with pride at this accomplishment.

## OBITUARIES

### MELVIN JONES SENN

Mr. Melvin Jones Senn, age 76, of Elba, died July 9, 1986. Funeral services were held July 11, at 10 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Robert Kirkland officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery of Florida, with Hayes directing.

Survivors include his wife, Elenor Gibson Senn; two sisters: Myrtle Rightweiser and Viola Dellick, both of Warren, Ohio; five grandchildren.

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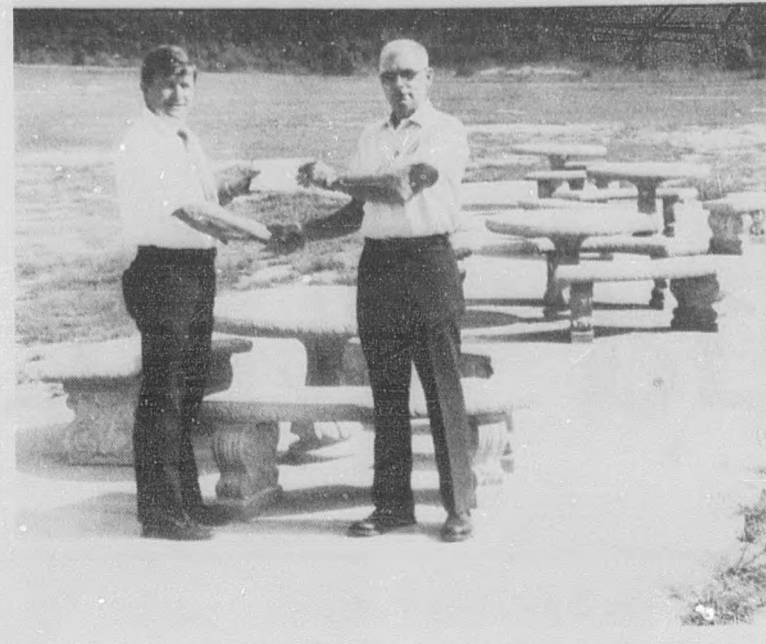
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ROTARY CLUB MAKES DONATION . . . W.D. Crowe, principal of Elba Middle School, accepts a check for \$100 from Mr. Mack Moore, new president of the Elba Rotary Club. The money will help pay for the new picnic tables and concrete sidewalks already installed at the middle school.

## Police Report

The Elba Police Dept. reported an active week with a total of 1 arrest (theft - 3rd degree) and 3 traffic citations (driving on wrong side of road, driving under the influence and speeding).

Following are daily activity reports:

**TUESDAY, JULY 8**  
Activity included a report of vandalism at Nasco (9:30 a.m.), a wreck at the Dairy Queen parking lot (2:05 p.m.), a possible drunk driver on old Samson Road (2:08 p.m.), a complaint about fireworks on Williams St. (7:54 p.m.) and a grass fire on the Bypass (8:25 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**  
Activity included a prowler on Forest Ave. (12:01 a.m.) and a disturbance at Brunson Trailer Court (5:50 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JULY 10**  
Activity included a wreck at Grimes Service Station (12:32 p.m.).



"Step right up folks . . . Come see the oldest living man in the world . . . says Robby Davis (left) who will portray the famous P.T. Barnum in Troy State University's summer Opera Workshop production of "Barnum" scheduled for July 17 and 19 in Smith Hill auditorium. Demetrius Watkins (right) will portray Joe Heth (the oldest man alive). Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students, children and senior citizens. Show time is 7:30 p.m. each day.

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## School Board

Mickey McCollough, that football tickets would remain the same price for the fall season. He said several area schools were increasing prices but Elba would hold the line. Adult tickets will be \$3.00, advance students will be \$2.00, but they will pay the same as adults at the gate. Season tickets for reserved seat owners will be the same - \$15.00, and will be for five home games. These season tickets can be bought by mailing in the check or in person from 8 until 12 and 1 to 3 daily at the high school office.

The resignation of Ruby Ingram, a non-tenured teacher, was accepted. She reportedly has accepted a similar position in the Montgomery school system. Katrina Calhoun was hired as a teacher in the elementary school to replace her. Board members reviewed plans for the music department and were told the plans had been submitted to the State Department of Education for approval. Crews told board members of the problems surrounding the recently announced proration of state school funds. He noted this cut couldn't come from teacher salaries, as they

had already earned this money. The cut was higher than the Elba system had planned for, and "it hurts," Crews said. A discussion on possible sources of additional revenue followed. Crews said local funding will become necessary if the state doesn't do something soon. He said a county-wide sales tax has been discussed and would help all three county systems. He acknowledged that a proposal to impose such a tax by the county commission was legal and would board members it would raise about one-and-a-half million dollars. If this was divided on the guidelines of the state's minimum program (number of students on roll) Elba would get almost \$250,000. However, if part of that money is diverted by the legislature for use by the county commission, this figure would be cut accordingly. An example would be a cut to \$186,000 if the county commission was given 20 percent and a further cut to \$162,750 if the county got 30 percent.

Crews told board members, "We would be shirking our duty if we didn't tell the people we have some problems." He explained that many elementary classes now are over the magic 25 students-per-class, and continued cuts in funding will only make this worse, rather than improve it.

## Infant Mortality Rate

Is High In Alabama

Every 12 hours in Alabama an infant less than 1 year of age dies. Every 2 hours a baby is born to a child.

Deaths among "good" babies, those weighing more than 2,500 grams at birth, have been on the increase. These disturbing statistics are among the findings of the Alabama Department of Public Health which announces there was a reduction in the overall infant mortality rate in the year 1985 to 12.6 per 1,000 live births. Of the 50,663 babies born there were 752 deaths to infants under the age of 1 year. In 1984 there were 764 infant deaths for a rate of 12.9 per 1,000 live births.

According to State Health Officer Dr. Earl Fox, "This slight reduction is little cause for celebration when one realizes Alabama ranks fifth in the nation in children who die before their first birthday. In terms of real numbers, there has been virtually no change in the number of infant deaths here since 1981."

Two problems contributing greatly to Alabama's high infant mortality rate are the large number of babies born to teen-agers (18 percent of all births) and the loss of black infants born at normal weight but who die after the age of 28 days.

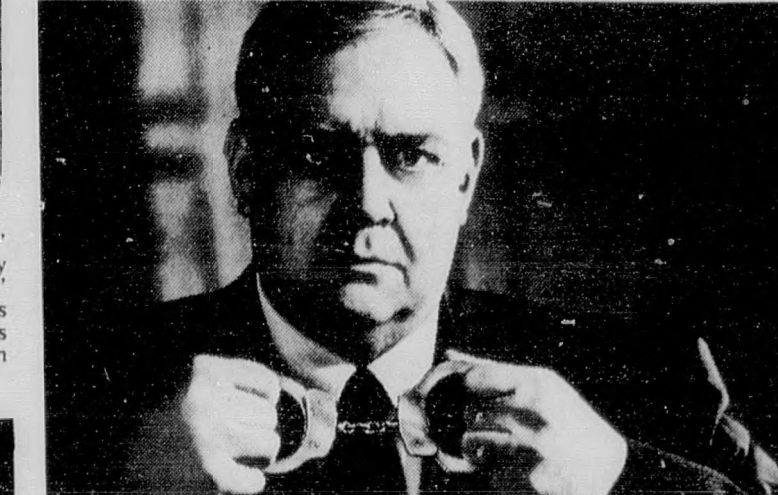
Fox continued, "We have not had the expected rate of improvement in alleviating these problems. Furthermore, 11 percent of pregnant women did not receive adequate prenatal care in 1985. And most alarmingly, last year in Alabama, 999 mothers who delivered babies had received no prenatal care at all."

The major barrier to health care for mothers and babies in Alabama is financial. Yet even for women who can afford care, the lack of obstetrical services in 25 counties means women must leave their home counties to seek prenatal care and to deliver their babies.

"This maldistribution of services has brought us to a state of crisis," Fox said. "The reduction of infant mortality through an improved system of health care must be a major goal of health providers and government officials."

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## Elba Water & Electric Board Begins Work On Collecting Money For Services Used

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Tuesday at 5 p.m. with all present except member Mickey Murdock. Chairman Oscar Vaughan presided.

With no pressing new decisions to be made the board concentrated on reviewing the bills for payment and the continuing effort to cut the amount of unaccounted-for water and electricity. Board members were told that an additional 100 water meters had been purchased and were being installed by a crew of two, working full time. Installation of these on residents currently being charged the minimum charge should improve accountability. Vaughan told board members. It will more than likely also increase revenue from water usage. Unauthorized use of fire plugs will also come under closer watch, according to managers of the board.

Ball parks, Cable TV power stations, etc., are also being metered now, according to Ed Compton of the electric department. He said that reading these meters and accounting for this usage will improve the accounting for kilowatts used, if not increase the money to the department.

Board review of the billed units of water and electricity will continue until it is within acceptable limits. Following that it will come under periodic review, explained secretary D.M. English.

Board members Jack Prescott and John W. Sharpless asked for status reports on plans to improve water pressure for homes on Forrest Avenue and Smith Avenue, and fire protection capabilities in front of the high school. They were told that an engineering firm has been working on plans and specifications for improving these problems. The board voted to instruct utility employees to fix the water problem in Brookdale if possible and report back at the next meeting. The secretary was instructed to contact the engineers in Dothan and urge them to speed up work on the other projects.

Late payments of \$4276.01 were reported to the board. These payments are due from 56 utility customers, and range from \$5.61 to a commercial customer owing \$312.25. Meters had been pulled on 12 utility customers who owe a total of \$1331.68. These range from \$17.54 to \$400.74.

Bad checks are another problem area for the utility. However, English explained that District Court

is very effective in collecting these monies. There are presently eight bad checks in the process of being collected, board members were told. English said that if these people can be found the district court can collect the money. The amount of \$261,040.39 was billed in June by the utility department. This included the water and electric sales, late penalties and electricity billed to the city buildings, parks, street lights and pumps at the three water wells.

Heavy use of electricity and a drop in expenses in the water

department has resulted in a paper profit of \$27,763.82 for the utility department in June. This profit is used to overcome past losses, transfer to the city and/or schools and to make payments on bond issues of \$9189.61 a month.

Bills totaling \$17,211.21 were approved for payment. They included a bill of \$1713 for materials used in repairing the rural water line damaged by county road crews in a paving project. This bill will be presented to the county according to an agreement with the county engineer.

The Consumer Protection Division of the Alabama Attorney General's Office is warning all south Alabama residents to be on the lookout for an exterminating company suspected of operating a scam involving structural support work following the supposed discovery of termite damage after completing a "free" termite inspection.

Mike Bownes, an attorney with the Consumer Protection Division, reported this week that the company worked heavily in the Covington County area last year and is now believed to be operating in Coffee County.

Bownes stated two Kinston residents paid for structural support work recently after being told by an exterminator that their home had been damaged by termites and was dangerous to live in. An inspection by a housing inspector following the repair work revealed that one home had no termite damage at all and that the support work done was inferior and served no constructive purpose.

The scam involves exterminators coming to a house, usually equipped by an elderly woman or couple, and offering to provide a free termite inspection. After the inspection the exterminator will report extensive damage to the structure of the home and offer to do the necessary repairs at a low rate. Because the residents being involved in the scam are elderly they cannot go under the house to see the actual damage or

inspect the repair work after its completion, allowing the suspected operator to take the victim for an often large amount of money.

Bownes stated the exterminators were known to have stayed in an Elba motel in recent weeks, prompting the warning issued this week.

"If an exterminator that you don't know comes to your home offering you a free termite inspection, just say 'no thanks,'" said Bownes. "If you do allow the free inspection and the exterminator reports damage, please get a second opinion before spending any money. These people have been warned to stop what they're doing, but they just move around and do more and more unnecessary work at the victim's expense. Five lawsuits are now in court against the company, so don't believe the exterminator unless you know him personally. All we can do is warn you -- you have to say 'no' yourself."

If anyone is contacted by an exterminator wishing to do structural work, or if anyone has had structural work done recently, please call the Consumer Protection Division at 261-7334, and speak to Mike Bownes or Melissa Brown.

With the help of a federal grant, the Alabama Department of Human Resources is going to make greater use of the computer in finding absent parents who fail to pay child support.

Gov. George C. Wallace has approved an agreement with eight other southeastern states to develop an electronic parent locator network for the child support project. This electronic network will allow child support staff in each state to gain

electronic access to child support data in the other participating states. Human Resources Commissioner Gwen Williams said the electronic network should result in savings to her department in both time and staff workloads. "Currently," Williams said, "inquiries between states about absent parents who owe child support go through the mail. Getting information can take weeks. With the electronic network, we should be able to get the information we need in minutes, and our staff will be able to handle more cases. What this means is that absent parents will find it more difficult to hide from us."

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TAYLOR RUSHING

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### Receives Scholarship

Taylor Rushing of Elba has been named recipient of a George C. Wallace academic scholarship to Troy State University.

The announcement was made by University Chancellor, Dr. Ralph W. Adams.

Rushing, the son of Dykes and Linda Rushing, is a graduate of Elba High School, where he received the Scholar's Award.

Each year the George C. Wallace scholarship is awarded to outstanding high school and junior college students who have excelled in academic and/or leadership accomplishments.

### Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank the community for the food, flowers and concern and prayers during the death of our loved one.

We would also like to thank Dr. Dyess and the nurses at the hospital and nursing home for their caring concern and love.

The Ethel Bullard Family  
7-17-11p

## Mama Cured Me On Canning

BY Mrs. Faye Brown

Everywhere I go lately I meet ladies with sagging shoulders, sunken eyes, and purple hands. "Puttin' up'll kill ye," they all begin. And while I listen guiltily they unwind their tales of woe. "Between six and twelve last night I put up 150 ears of corn, the day before it was 3 bushels of pink-eyed purplehulls (the hands extended a proof), and the day before that it was homemade vegetable soup—28 quarts of it at the final count. Last week Vertie took his vacation and together we stood 105 beautiful quarts of green beans, 35 jars of apple jelly and 15 of cucumber pickles on the shelf in the pantry." And on and on they go, while I'm sinking lower and lower in my chair.

Now I'll concede that there is lots to be said for summertime puttin' up, but I'm just not the one to say it. I have always had my craw full just puttin' up with the kids out of school and Joe home for longer hours. But I think my real aversion to summer food preservation had its deep roots in my childhood.

Mama maintains our canning exceeded one thousand quarts only one year; my memory wants to disagree. I've mentioned previously what a good gardener Mama was. She also believed wasting one string bean was a mortal sin. Furthermore, Mama was ahead of her time on knowledge of vitamins and such and insisted we can the entire spectrum of available nutrients for the coming cold months. In order to help achieve this we would start even before the garden came in by picking and canning blackberries.

One of the things I dreaded most about summertime canning was washing all those fruit jars and zinc lids. Having a small house and a large family we stored our empty jars in an old shed where they became inhabited by bugs, spiders and crickets. It was my brother Bill's chore to bring the jars out, pile them in a wash tub and cover them with water from the well. I tell my lot (and after I left home, my sister Betty's) to do the actual washing of the jars. Since being blessed with the smallest bones in the family enabled us to extend our hands through the narrow jar necks, we were privileged

to daily share the tub water with the floating dead bugs (that Bill had deliberately left until our hands shriveled up like so many dried apples). Mama was particular about all her canning but she took special pride in her green beans. First, she would insist on removing the strings herself and then we kids would chop them on a cutting board or the metal counter of the kitchen cabinet, always squabbling over who got the particular knife which cut better than all others. Seems we would wash the beans forever before Mama would heat them in a dishpan and then scoop them, steaming, into the scalded jars. Sometimes she would trust us with the adding of one teaspoon of salt, which we had to level with a knife for accuracy, in the top of each quart jar. After closing with Ball dome lids and rings, Mama would put the beans into the pressure cooker. Kids were allowed in the hot kitchen during the pressuring process only for emergencies like rushing in with a fresh load of stove wood. (The pressure cooker was regarded in those days with about the same respect that the atom bomb is today.) When the cooked beans were taken from the canner to cool they were put on a bleached and folded guano sack. It was a sad sight come morning if there was a jar on which the little dome on the lid had failed to indent. This meant they had not sealed, had spoiled overnight, and others must be canned to take their place.

Space fails me to tell of all my childhood canning memories. Of the days of piling wood around Mama's washpot and the old cut-off drum for outside coldpack canning of kraut, tomatoes, or peaches (trying to keep the house cooler for sleeping at night). And it was outside that we sealed tomatoes and beets for what to me was the most fun of all canning tasks—the zipping off of the beet skins. I remember the condiments we helped in making—the beet, Indian peach, and cucumber pickles. The gallons of tomato catsup and the chow-chow we loved on peas. Just recalling now the giant bowls of mixed onions required for the former two activities anew my over-worked ear ducts.

Then there was Bill's narrow escape from the ground rattler's strike as he chopped down cabbage for shredding churms and barrels of fermenting sour kraut. Of the year when excess kraut and canned tomatoes were sold to the school lunchroom or exchanged for lunches for us children. Of the huge peach tree which provided me with the impetus needed to stay slim as a rail (Mama ran me to death puttin' out and snatchin' in the sliced apples as we tried to dry them every summer in spite of daily July showers.) My sister Telle reported last week that her summer had just peaked. Just when she thought for sure she had run out of Mason jars she made another wonderful discovery. Not so with me. All those childhood years of wondering what other kids meant when they referred to time away from school as 'summer vacation' made deep inroads into my thinking. The damage was done when Mama's old wash pot broke in half, thereby sealing the fate of the outside coldpack. The knell sounded for pressuring when my presto cooker blew all over the kitchen, in a split second painting my walls the color of the sweet potatoes I was cooking inside.

I am now in total agreement with the Wise Man in the Bible who said there is a time for all things. Notwithstanding the delicious naturalness of home-canned and frozen foods, for me the time of the necessary "home puttin' up evil" has passed. I early on taught my kids to cry for corn and beans with a picture on the can. Their first little ditty was "Campbell's soup is good food."

A few years back I thought I might have somewhat of a problem: Joe presented me with a 20-foot Coldspot. I soon found a solution. At the slightest mention each spring of food from the garden I rush out, eager to fill my freezer. I've found that for the paltry sum of \$15.75 I can fill it to overflowing with day-old bread. It frees me up all summer and the birds sure have a hayday come fall.

**WHAT SHALL I TAKE . . .** Amy Ellis of Elba chooses the classes she wants to take in the second mini-term to be held this summer at Enterprise State Junior College. Thirty-four day classes and six evening classes are offered in the second mini-term, and registration continues through July 22.



**UMM-UMM GOOD!** . . . Enterprise State Junior College students enjoyed some cold watermelon recently during the morning class break. The Watermelon Bust is sponsored each summer by the Student Government Association. Shown eating their share are, from left: David Zorn, Sloomb; Jennifer Childs, Enterprise SGA president; Marty Connolly, Enterprise SGA vice president; and Celia Hayes, Elba.

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## Youth Activities Week Planned At Elba Methodist

Youth Activities Week will be held July 20 - 23 at the Elba United Methodist Church, with Mark Kingy leading the activities.

Evening services will be held at 7 o'clock; for additional information concerning daytime activities, call the church office at 897-2219.

Kingy is a native of Dothan, and attended Northview High School, lettering in baseball and football. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dothan, and has served as junior and senior high MYF president, was a page at annual conference, member of the Conference Council on Youth Ministry, youth delegate to annual conference, summer staff member at Blue Lake, and has been youth director at Dexter Avenue UMC in Montgomery since May, 1985.

All area youth are invited to participate in the special events.



ROSAMARIA RIVERA

## RosaMaria Rivera

### Is One Year Old

RosaMaria Salinas Rivera, daughter of Simon and Debra (Coon) Rivera Jr., of Fort Meade, Md., celebrated her first birthday with a party in Washington, D.C., June 7.

The birthday group enjoyed a trip to the capitol, and also toured the Washington National Zoo. Their tour of the animals included a 1-day-old giraffe. Partygoers then enjoyed a picnic lunch, and Maria blew out the candle on the cupcakes. Maria received a huge stuffed Panda, similar to the two she had seen at the zoo, from her parents and her 4-year-old sister, Beth.

Also enjoying the day were Ray, Nancy and Joey Sherman of Laurel. Maria's grandparents are Kenneth and Betty Coon of Elba, and Simon Rivera Sr. and Guadalupe Rivera, both of San Antonio, Texas. Great-grandmothers are Mary Legg of Brantley and Rosa Coon of Elba. Adopted great-grandmother also is Miss Goodson of Elba.

## Miss Gantt Lake

### Swimsuit Contest

### To Be Held

The first annual Miss Gantt Swimsuit Beauty Pageant will be held Saturday, August 2, at Rivers Edge in Gantt.

There will be six age divisions starting at 18 months, and entry forms can be picked up at local banks or radio stations.

Deadline for entry is July 25. The pageant will be sponsored by the Gantt Community Action group. For more information call 388-5627, or 388-5681.



Mrs. Margaret Smith presents gift to Miss Powell

## Miss Powell Feted With Rice Bag Party

Mrs. Margaret Smith's home, decorated in various shades of pink, was the setting for a rice bag party on Friday afternoon, July 11, honoring Miss LuLu Powell, bride-elect of Donnie Morris.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Smith and directed to tables where they were served frozen salad seasonal crackers, nuts, coconut puffs and punch.

Entertainment was the making of lace bags which held tiny white wedding bells filled with wild bird seed and tied with pink satin ribbons.

## SOCIALS



L-R: Mrs. Helms; honoree, Miss Powell; Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Taylor

## Miss Powell Honored With Bridal Shower

Miss LuLu Powell, bride-elect of Donnie Morris, was honored with a linen shower at the home of Mrs. J.R. Helms Tuesday, July 8.

Guests were served a delicious dessert plate, after which Miss Powell opened her gifts.

Attending the shower were Mrs. Van McCall, Mrs. Mickey Murdock, Mrs. Ken Amison, Mrs. Jackie Tucker, Mrs. Tony Bowers, Mrs.

Paul King, Mrs. Earl Stinson, Mrs. Phil Farris, Mrs. Ronnie Powell, Miss Anna Powell, Mrs. Hugh Davis, the future groom's mother, and Mrs. Roland Powell, mother of the bride-elect.

Assisting Mrs. Helms as hostesses were Mrs. Charles Pearce, Mrs. Fred Smith Jr., and Mrs. Bill Taylor.

## Crocker Reunion Held July 6th



Mrs. Sallie V. Crocker

## Emory Moore

### Reunion Planned

The annual Emory Moore family reunion will be held Sunday, August 3, at the family home on Highway 84 between Elba and New Brockton.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Dinner will be served from 12:30 until 3 o'clock.

The annual Crocker Reunion was held in Elba Sunday, July 6, 1986 at the home of Mrs. Sallie (Vance) Crocker, 210 Old Samson Road. At the same time special celebration was observed to commemorate Mrs. Crocker's 90th birthday. She was born June 30, 1896.

She and James Oscar Crocker were married at Hebron Community on December 24, 1911 in her home. Of this union ten children were born; three now deceased. Those are: Connie B. Crocker of Enterprise, Alabama died October 14, 1970; Mrs. Abbie D. (Cupitina) Kelli Thomasville, Georgia died April 28, 1980 and Mrs. Bill (Ruby Lee) Bryan, Elba, died April 25, 1986.

All other surviving children were present with the exception of Mrs. John (Maude) Lewis of Nashville, Georgia. Those present included 27 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Fifty-seven family members were present and five visitors, including sets of five generation families. Those fifth generation were twins, Whitney and Grey Woodall, parents, John and Tammy Woodall; grandparents, Rex and Brunese Bryan of Daleville, and Joseph Tucker, son of Ronnie and Caryl Tucker of Andalusia, grandparents, Gerald and Ethelene Tucker of Elba. Others attending were: Willie C. and Edell Crocker, Willie Ray and Mary Crocker and Al Crowl, Gus, Janice, Beverly and Herb McCall, Bill Bryan, Junior and Grace Culver, Ronnie and Kelli Culver, all of Elba, Hilda, Timothy, Kent, and Kyle Allen of Enterprise, Ralph, Abbe and Christina of Jacksonville, Florida; A.J. and Geraldine Burch and Danny Burch, John and Dorothy Jean Milner, John and Lois Hopper all of Pensacola, Florida; Shorty Hurd and Wayne Bryan of Thomasville, Georgia; James and Hazel Ward of Ozark, Alabama; Kristin Ward of Montgomery; Alvin and Nell Zinn, Sharon, Stephen and Stephanie Hobson of Duncan, Oklahoma; and Henry and Mary Turpin, Randy, Jenny, Joey and Jeff Jones of Atlanta, Georgia.

A wonderful day of loving and sharing was enjoyed by all.

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## New Arrivals

### Wesley Charles Taff

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Taff (Virginia Vaughan) of Phenix City announce the birth of their first child, Wesley Charles Taff.

Wesley was born Thursday, July 3, 1986, at 1:09 a.m. at The Medical Center in Columbus, Ga. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 1/2 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taff of Phenix City. Great grandparents are Mrs. Flora Vaughan and Mr. Roy Watkins.

### Keli Nicole Richard

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richard (nee Joyce Grimes) announce the birth of a baby girl, Keli Nicole, on Friday, July 11, weighing 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Richard of Enterprise, and Mrs. Sam Grimes of Elba. Keli is the Richard's first child.

### Roger Dale Sanders

Roger and Wilma J. Sanders would like to announce the birth of their new son, Roger Dale Sanders, born in Pensacola, Florida. He weighed five pounds and eleven and one-fourth ounces. He was born July 4, 1986, at 3:07 p.m.

Roger Dale has one brother, Roger J.E. and one sister, Kristy. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Sander of St. Marys, Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Glass of Pace, Florida.

## Traci Holliday

### Receives

### Scholarship

Traci Holliday has recently been awarded a scholarship to LBW Jr. College in Andalusia. The scholarship is for full tuition and books for one year and was awarded on the basis of academic achievement, college activities, and moral character.

Traci has kept a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while attending LBW and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor fraternity of junior colleges in the United States. She was recently elected president of the LBW chapter.

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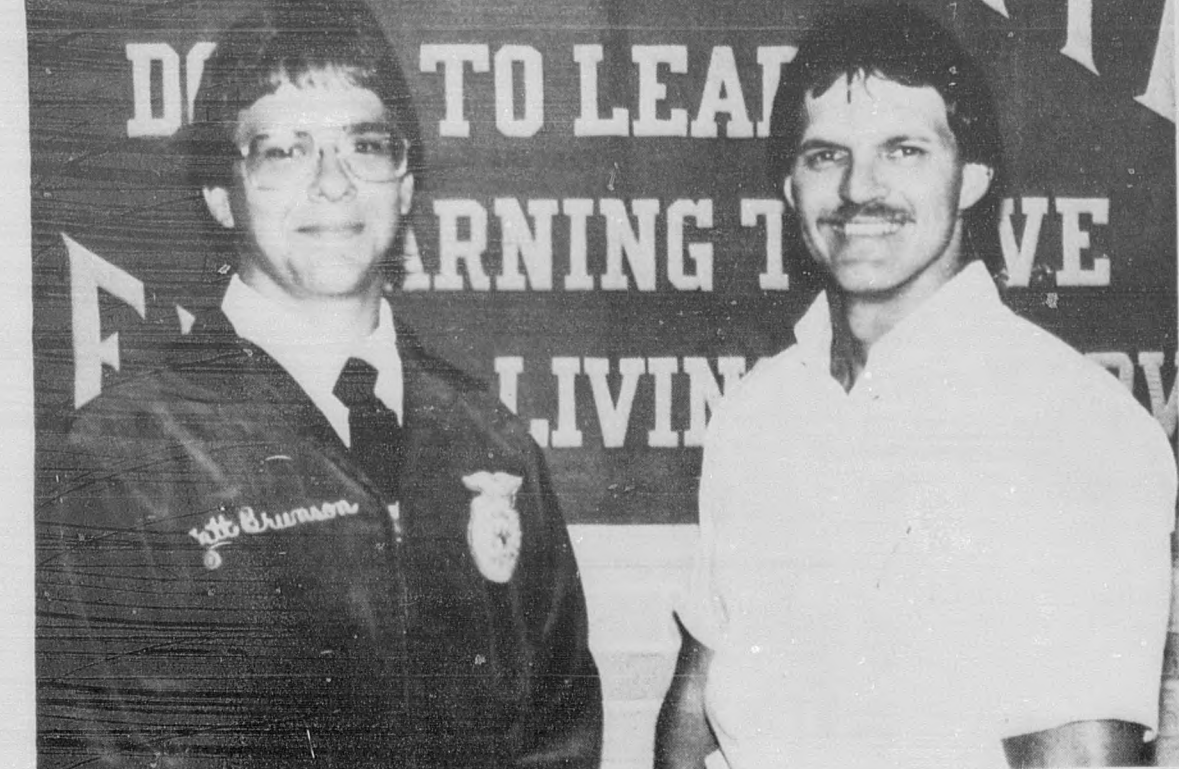
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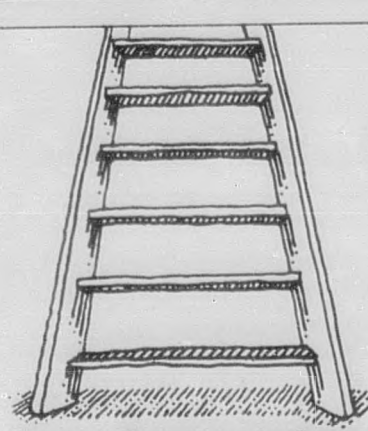




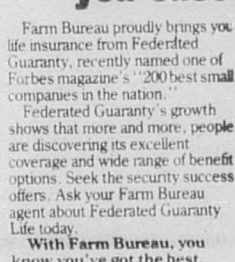
Pictured from left to right are Matt Brunson and Mike Carley.

### Elba High FFA Chapter Officers Attend Workshop

The Elba High School FFA Chapter officers recently attended a two-day leadership development workshop held at Enterprise State College.



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## ALL AROUND COFFEE COUNTY

THOMAS C. CASADAY  
COUNTY AGENT-COORDINATOR

### TOMATOES

I saw the best looking tomato plants that I have seen in a long time. These plants were at Rex Hughes' in the New Hope Community. Rex has about 30 plants that were over eight feet high. These plants are producing about five gallons of tomatoes a day.

With a little ingenuity Rex put in irrigation under black plastic where he can water each individual plant. This watering is done without wetting the foliage.

I asked Rex what he was spraying his plants with to keep the diseases off. He said he had not sprayed them, and this was also a surprise. I saw very little extra effort on his plants.

With a little extra effort, we can

### BROWN PATCH

Brown patch occurs on most grass species. It is more prevalent during periods of warm, humid weather.

Symptoms consist of brownish, irregular shaped areas extending to several feet in diameter. Generally, the fungus attacks the leaves and stems. However, when extended periods of favorable weather conditions occur, crowns and roots areas in a lawn. The excessive use of nitrogen fertilizer will increase brown patch, since the fungus readily attacks new, succulent growth.

To control brown patch, follow the recommended cultural practices, limit the amount of nitrogen fertilizer used and apply fungicides which are Actidione RZ, Daconil 2787, Fore, Dyrene, Fungo 50, Maneb (Tersan LSR), Tarsan 1991 (benomyl), Tetracel (PCNB), Thiram (Tersan 75), Zineb (Dithane Z-78) or Bravo.



## COFFEE CORRESPONDENCE

SARA HUTCHINSON  
COUNTY AGENT

### SPICES AND HERBS

How long do you keep spices and herbs? I am afraid I keep some of mine too long. I would like for the spice companies to package spices in even smaller containers.

Spices in tin or glass containers retain their flavor longer than those packaged in cardboard. Whole spices, generally will keep their quality longer than ground ones.

Check freshness periodically by rubbing a pinch of spice between your palms. If it has no fragrance, the spice or herb is too old.

### Osteoporosis

The article on exercise gives programs for three different groups. Group 1 is prevention under 35 years of age; group 2 is for those who are beginning to show loss of bone strength and group 3 is for those who have had compression and back pain.

### SEWING FOR CHILDREN

It doesn't seem possible that children will be returning to school in 5 weeks. Most all children are going to need new clothes, because of growth during the summer.

If you sew for your children, here are a few tips for getting school clothes made. Pick fabrics that are easy to work with and patterns that are easy to alter and follow.

Cotton is usually most comfortable. Early fall will still be hot, so pick lightweight fabrics that can be layered during cooler months.

Don't hand stitch anything you can do by machine and don't waste when you can pin. Leave off details that don't really add to the looks of the garment.

### Grand Opening Of Farmers' Market Scheduled

The long awaited grand opening of the first farmers' market to be owned and operated by the State of Alabama will occur in Montgomery on August 4 at 11 a.m. Among the dignitaries expected to attend are Gov. George Wallace, Congressman Bill Dickinson, and Montgomery Mayor Emory Folmar.

Albert McDonald, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, said The Montgomery State Farmer's Market has been several years in the making. He said the market will serve the entire state and will be a draw for tourists coming through the area. Already several tour operators have inquired about the market, which has been in partial operation since June of this year, he said.

The new market features a retail building and a truckers' shed where fresh fruits and vegetables are sold along with other farm products and original arts and crafts. Construction was recently completed on the other features of the market. These include a restaurant, homebrewery, a garden store, a wholesale building, snack areas, and plenty of parking.

The market will be open seven days a week. The retail building will be open 5 a.m. - 10 p.m.; the truckers' shed will be open 24 hours a day. For more information, contact the Marketing Division of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, P.O. Box 3336, Montgomery, 36193; or telephone 205-261-5350.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST** - Bob Pritchard  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 8:00 p.m.  
Even. Serv. - 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN TABERNACLE** - Rev. Calvin Faircloth  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Serv. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Serv. - 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TAB.** - Darrell & Geri Riley  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Serv. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.

**VICTORIA BAPTIST** - Larry Oster  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice - 4:30 p.m.  
Training Union - 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS** - J.L. Edgar  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Sun. Even. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 6:30 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD** - Rev. Jimmy Eddins  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Serv. - 7:15 p.m.  
C.A. (Sun.) - 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship - 8:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METHODIST** - Donnie Martin  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Church Training - 6:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship - 5:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST** - Rev. Randall Pearson  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Train. Union - 6:00 p.m.  
Even. Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD** - Tommy Kirk  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
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Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Scene - Wed. - 7:00 p.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD** - Shirley Ellis  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Wor. - 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Ser. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

## News From Our Early Files

### TEN YEARS AGO

July 15, 1976  
Lynn Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hudson, is pictured reading her mail at Girl Scout Camp Tohkanee, Quakertown, Pa.

Ricky Lovorn has been named first place winner of the Alabama State Poetry Society's statewide school contest, grades 4-6. He submitted the poem at the encouragement of his teacher, Mrs. Eric Cook. It was entitled "My Little Light," about his bulldog puppy, Patches, Ricky, age 11, and a sixth-grader, received a signed award.

The Miles family reunion was held recently, and a picture shows the brothers and sisters of the family: Gordon, Caro, Leila Smith, G.P., Eula Lee Chancellor, M.V., Hollis, Preston and Colie.

Mr. and Mrs. Sethelo Hammonds announce the engagement of their daughter Gloria to Walter C. Banks, Jr. of Forsyth, Ga. She is a 1975 graduate of Elba High School and presently attending ESJC. Mr. Banks is a member of the 30th Infantry Division at Ft. Rucker. The wedding will be an event of July 17 at 3rd Ave. Chapel, Ft. Rucker.

Mary and Clive Collier left Saturday for four weeks of camp at Skyline Ranch for Girls, and Clive at Camp Caney for Boys.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Jacobs (Mamie Owen) were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, July 16, with an informal dinner given by their daughter, Mrs. Ruth J. Mooney, at the home of Mrs. Vonnice W. Tindol.

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### Greetings from Faith Chapel

Recently there was a sign posted on a wall which at first seemed funny and somewhat ridiculous. It simply stated, "Due to lack of interest, tomorrow has been canceled."

Time passed and the Holy Spirit started showing some deep truths about the sign. The words which at first seem so light take on a very desperate and darker meaning. Despair is evident and hope seems gone. Since tomorrow seems to offer no better than today, why bother with it.

But wait, my friend! There is a joyous reason for desiring to see tomorrow. The Lord Jesus Christ is coming back! Angels gave this message to the disciples the day Jesus ascended into Heaven. Acts 1:11 states in part: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven."

Now, according to Hebrews 2:2, the word spoken by angels is steadfast, which means that it will surely be, and if the word of angels is steadfast, how much more so the word spoken by the Son of God! John 14:13 tells us that Jesus will come again to receive us into Himself. Read these verses for yourself and let this wonderful truth help you to reaffirm your faith and hope in the Lord.

There is no lack of interest in tomorrow for the child of God who is working in the vineyard of the Lord. Every day presents a chance to lift up Jesus and offer hope to those who have lost hope; to point someone toward Jesus in a day when the highest highs and biggest thrills are losing their sparkle.

You see, when the big party that the world gives is over, Jesus is still there, waiting for the change to show anyone who will come to him what real life is. He stated in John 10:10, "I am that light which has life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Today, if you are in despair, Jesus is your answer. Why not try him? Tomorrow is definitely still on for those who are looking for Jesus. And if He doesn't come today or tomorrow - we'll still be looking for Him the next day.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bullard have returned from an extensive tour of the western states and Old Mexico. Mrs. Bullard said Alton warned her he was going to relax and rest, but each day he would throw himself out in traveling clothes and ask, "Where do we go today?" The Bullards visited their son Frank and his family and Mrs. Bullard's brother, John Will Reddick and family in Los Angeles, and another brother Dick in San Diego.

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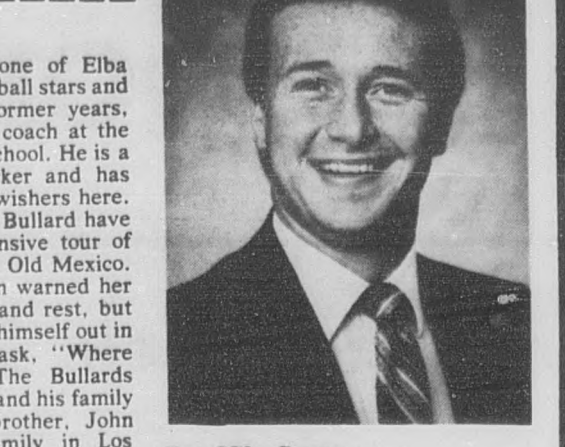
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Rev. Mike Green

### REVIVALS

REVIVAL AT ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
There will be a revival at the Elba Church of God beginning Sunday, July 20, and going through July 25. Services will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Evangelist is Rev. Mike Green from Luverne. Everyone is welcome.

REVIVAL AT FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST IN BULLOCK  
Friendship Baptist Church in the Bullock Community will have Revival Services Sunday July 20 through Friday, July 25.

Rev. Wayne Webber will be the



## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Editor

I'm about two days behind at work, it's almost 10 p.m. and I'm trying to write this week's column between yawns. Yep, it's going to be one of those weeks!

## A BUSY WEEK COMING UP FOR SPORTS FANS IN ELBA

The Elba Recreation Dept. is usually beginning to slow down this time each summer; however, this year the action is just getting started as the Men's Class D District Softball Tournament is set for this weekend and the Dixie Youth District Baseball Tournament is scheduled to start Monday. If you're a sports fan this is the place to be!

The Class D District Softball Tournament is expected to attract between 35-45 teams, and with that many people coming to town you'd better eat early Saturday if you plan on eating out in Elba because the fast-food places will be packed all day long with hot and hungry ballplayers. The tournament is the largest in District 7, which includes seven counties, and it is indeed an honor that Elba was picked to host the event over such cities as Dothan, Enterprise, Eufaula and Ozark. Elba's lovely ball parks played a big part in getting the tournament, and our city's tradition of putting on first-class tournaments was the icing on the cake. There's no doubt that Elba is one of south Alabama's top softball show places!

The Dixie Youth District Baseball Tournament is coming to Elba for the first time ever, and the week-long event should provide plenty of excitement for all baseball fans. Elba's team will host the six-team affair and received an automatic berth in the tourney, while the other teams will have to win sub-district tournaments to earn the right to come to town. The recreation department staff is putting in long hours sprucing up the ballpark and a new fence will be up for the event, so the park should be ready for all its visitors!

I know there is more to a town than recreation, but I can't think of any events that could bring more people to Elba over the stretch of a week than the two upcoming tournaments. C'mon folks, let's show everyone just what kind of town we have!!

## BABE RUTH ALL-STARS FALL IN DISTRICT ACTION

The Elba Babe Ruth All-Stars competed in Opp last week and even though they dropped two straight games, the young men represented our city well and gave it all they had! The team knew it wasn't our best all-star squad going into the tourney and knew pitching could be a big problem, but the boys overcame the expected problems and almost won in both games they played. The players and coaches are to be congratulated for their effort and deserve credit for a job well done!

## JUNIOR CHEERLEADERS STAGE LARGEST TOURNEY EVER

The Elba Junior High cheerleaders sponsored a softball tournament last weekend and wound up having to divide the event into two tournaments after having a total of 29 teams enter. The 29 teams were the most ever to compete in Elba on one weekend and it was great to see the stands filled with fans Saturday night when the trophy games were being played. The junior cheerleaders are to be commended for their fine tournament and I look for the event to become one of the city's top annual events in years to come.

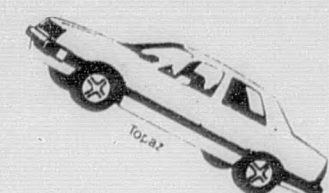
## OKAY BO, I'LL ADMIT YOU AREN'T THAT BAD

I took a comical shot at Bo Jackson's floundering career in my column last week and feel I owe it to him to congratulate him this week for upping his average almost 100 points since his slow start. Bo got two hits Sunday and hit his first home-run Monday to lead his team to a big win. I guess I need to wait and see on ole Bo.

## BLACK AND GOLD CLUB MEMBERS BEING SOUGHT

All supporters of the Elba High School athletic program are encouraged to join the Black and Gold Club, a club that exists to cover the expense of pre-game meals for members of the Elba Tiger football team. Dues are \$50 per couple, and all members are honored guests at the football banquet. The club is for all supporters, not just parents - so join today!

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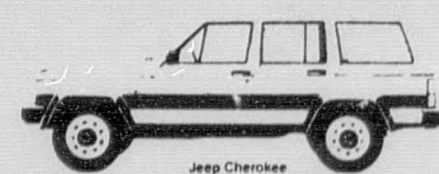
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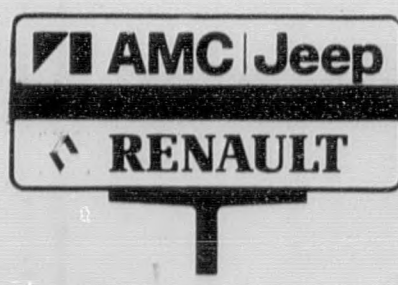
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Tuesday - 6:00

Game 5

Wednesday - 8:00

Game 7

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Game 9

Friday - 7:00

Game 10

Saturday - 7:00

If needed

Loser 1

Tuesday - 8:00

Game 4

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Wednesday - 6:00

Game 6

Loser 3

Thursday - 6:00

Game 8

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Friday - 6:00

Game 10

Loser 7

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars will host the district Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament next week at Elba's Legion Field complex, and a total of 11 games are scheduled during the week-long event.

Sub-district winners from tournaments in Ozark, Cottonwood, Geneva, Greenville and Dothan will join Elba in the six-team event, will send its winner to the state tournament.

The tourney will begin on Monday, July 21, with a total of 3 games set to begin at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00. Two games will be played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (6:00 and 8:00), with single games set for Friday and Saturday.

All baseball fans are urged to attend the tournament to help make it a success!

## Elba All-Stars Expect Bats To Boom At District Tourney

If regular season performances hold true, the Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars will be rattling the fence next week when the district Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament opens in Elba.

Elba's 13-player roster boasts a team batting average of .646 and has ripped a total of 69 doubles, 22 triples and 43 home-runs. Awesome offensive stats!

Leading the attack are a trio of .700 hitters, headed by shortstop-pitcher Ronald Thigpen, who batted .761 with 6 doubles, 4 triples and 8 home-runs. Kyle DuBose, a pitcher-catcher, finished the season with a .744 average, including 9 doubles and 3 home-runs, while first baseman Tommy Young batted .729 with 10 doubles, 3 triples and 4

home-runs. Chad Dawkins leads a list of five players batting over .600, as the infielder batted .651 with 6 doubles and 1 home-run. Other batters in the "600 Club" include: Eric Simmons (.650 - 7 doubles, 2 triples and 5 home-runs); Tony Allen (.644 - 8 doubles, 4 triples and 2 home-runs); Joel Kirkland (.607 - 2 doubles and 1 triple), and Ron Bryan (.600 - 4 doubles, 2 triples and 1 home-run).

Bounding out the roster include Jamie Brockton (.588, 5 doubles, 1 triple and 5 home-runs); Dee Miller

(.581, 5 doubles, 2 triples and 4 home-runs); Joey Donaldson (.581, 2 doubles and 2 home-runs); Vince Hudson (.564, 4 doubles and 8 home-runs) and Greg Thigpen (.529, 1 double and 3 triples).

The Elba team appears to be solid on defense and has a quartet of pitchers in Kyle DuBose, Ronald Thigpen, Joey Donaldson and Ron Bryan, making the All-Stars a team to watch next week.

The team is coached by Jimmy DuBose, who guided the Pirates to back-to-back league titles.

## Elba Babe Ruth All-Stars Fall At District

The Elba Babe Ruth All-Stars competed in the district Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament last week in Opp, and were eliminated after narrow losses to Opp 11-9 and Brundidge 5-3.

Opp won the tournament to advance to the state tournament, being held this week in Andalusia.

Following are highlights of each game:

OPP 11

ELBA 9

Opp pulled out to an early 9-2 lead and held on to mop Elba 11-9. Elba drew first blood in the game as a walk to Matt Henderson followed by consecutive singles by David Rowe, Stevie Sauls, Ralph Sanders and Keith Henderson resulted in a quick 2-0 lead.

Opp took advantage of 5 walks to pull even at 2-2 in the bottom of the first, and then combined 3 walks with 3 hits and 4 errors to score 7 runs in the second inning to open up a 9-2 bulge!

Opp's lead went to 10-2 in the fourth inning as the game turned into a rout; however, Elba refused to quit and scored 5 runs in the fifth inning to pull within 10-7.

Walks to Tim Sullivan, David Rowe and Stevie Sauls loaded the bases with no outs, while a single by Ralph Sanders, a double by Keith Henderson and a two-out single by Greg Hanchey knocked in five runs and got Elba back in the hunt!

Opp scored in the sixth inning to stretch its lead to 11-7, only to see Elba once again rally. Chris Thomas singled to open the seventh inning surge, while a single by Tim Sullivan with two outs drove in two runs and cut the lead to 11-9. Elba had men on second and third before the inning ended, but fell one hit short as Opp held on for the win.

Ralph Sanders got 3 hits for Elba, while Greg Hanchey and Keith Henderson added 2 apiece.

BRUNDIDGE 5

ELBA 3

Brundidge led all the way to oust Elba 5-3. Brundidge threatened early, but failed to score. However, Brundidge combined 2 hits with 6 walks in the third inning to take a

lead it would never surrender. Tim Sullivan doubled in Greg Hanchey and Matt Henderson in the fifth inning to put Elba on the board, and Chris Thomas scored in the

## Geneva Merchants &amp; Andalusia First

## Baptist Claim Titles In Jr. Cheerleader

The Elba Junior High cheerleaders sponsored a 15-team Class C men's and a 14-team Class D men's softball tournament last weekend and the action was non-stop until the Geneva Merchants and First Baptist of Andalusia claimed their respective tourney crowns.

The Geneva Merchants won the

## MINOR LEAGUE

## BASEBALL

## SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 17

6:00 - Indians vs. Giants

7:00 - Red Sox vs. Expos

8:00 - Angels vs. Royals

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## Giants Remain Atop Minor League Baseball

The Minor League baseball season continued last week with the Giants taking over sole possession of first place.

The Giants own a 9-0 record, followed by the Braves 6-2, Rangers 5-3, Red Sox 4-5, Royals 4-6, Expos 3-4-1, Angels 2-5-1 and Indians 1-8.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

## Giants

## Red Sox

The Giants defeated the Red Sox; however, the score could not be determined by reading the scoreboard.

## Rangers

## Indians

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determined by reading the book.

The Royals pulled away late to scalp the Braves 12-7. Eddie Cowen, Jeff Sewell and LaDon all scored 2 runs for the Royals, while Cory Howe scored twice for the Braves.

## Royals

## Braves

The Angels and Expos battled to a 19-19 tie. Kevin Siler, Jimbo Siler and John Siler scored 3 runs apiece for the Angels, while Paul Marsh and Anthony Roberts both scored twice. Griffin Shirley scored 4 runs for the Expos; Aaron Kirkland and Joey Tyler both scored 3 and Todd Grantham scored 2.

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## Jazz Festival Commemorates Florence's Nightingale

Few folks know where it all started -- in Florence, Alabama. Most people think it was in Memphis or St. Louis, but it was in Florence that the blues were born, literally. Florence is the birthplace of W. C. Handy (1874 - 1958), the man who invented the blues and the man honored every year with the W. C. Handy Festival.

All his life, Handy just wanted to make music. The young Handy saved enough money to buy a guitar, but was forced to give it up by his father who insisted that the boy trade it for something more useful, a dictionary. It wasn't long before Handy had saved his pennies for another purchase, a coronet.

That small purchase was the beginning of a musical career that delighted the world and continues to inspire young musicians today. With

such classics as "St. Louis Blues" and the "Memphis Blues," Handy earned the title "Father of the Blues."

Florence will celebrate the accomplishments of its native son by hosting seven straight days of music August 3 - 9. Headlining the event will be the Cleveland Eaton Trio Plus Voices. Activities will include, aside from several jazz sessions, the DaDoonRunRun, the Street Strut, and tours of Handy's home. Revelers will discover why Handy once said, "If, as my teacher predicted, music brought me to the gutter, I confess it was there I caught a glimpse of Heaven, for music can lift one to the state."

For more information, contact Nancy Gonce, P.O. Box 1827, Florence, Alabama 35630; or telephone 205-766-7642.



V. MICHAEL DUBOSE

### Michael Dubose Receives Promotion

V. Michael Dubose has been promoted to Manager -- Industrial Engineering with WestPoint Pepperell's Carpet and Rug Division, according to an announcement by Enman J. Sheppard, Jr., Division Vice President -- Manufacturing.

In this new assignment, Mr. Dubose will be located at Springdale Plant, Dalton, Ga.

He transferred to his new position from the company's Milledgeville plant, Milledgeville, Ga., where he had been CARO Industrial Engineering Manager -- Carpet Yarns from February, 1986.

He began his company continuing service in April 1976 at the Corporate I.E. Department, at West Point, Ga., as an industrial engineer, then transferred in March 1977 to Newman Mill, Newman, Ga., as I.E.--the position he held until his assignment as Industrial Engineering Manager -- Carpet Yarns.

Earlier, he was employed with Deering Milliken Company in Shift Supervisor positions at LaGrange, Ga., from August 1973.

A native of Elba, Dubose completed Elba High School and earned his BS degree in Business Administration at Troy State University.

He and his wife, the former Eleanor Jane Conley of Virginia, Minn., have three children--Michelle Joy, William Matthew and Cristina--and will relocate to the Dalton area from 121 N. Point Road, N.E., Milledgeville.

## Nursing Home Spotlight

With Shirley Wise

After a month of visiting ladies at the Elba Nursing Home, we're going to visit a gentleman this week of July 17 - and a very nice, kind, courteous and sweet gentleman at that -- by the name of Lucious Wyatt Snow.

In appearance Mr. Snow is a healthy-looking, robust fellow with blue eyes, a clear, rosy complexion, and a deep, strong voice.

But, as so often they are, appearances are deceiving; although Mr. Wyatt looks a perfect specimen of glowing health, his pretty blue eyes gaze at one almost completely sightless and he is quite deaf in both ears.

But, be that as it may be, with his physical abilities diminished, his mental faculties remain intact and his memory and mind are amazingly alert and his gift and love of conversation most refreshing.

Now, for some background information on Mr. Wyatt.

He was born August 23, 1898, in Tarentum, in Pike County, the baby in a family of six boys. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe Snow. Mrs. Snow being the former Mattie Patterson. Mr. Snow was a farmer.

The Snow family lived in the Mt. Gilead Community, having moved there from Tarentum, when Mr. Wyatt was around five years old, in the early 1900's. Mr. Snow died in a family of six boys. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe Snow. Mrs. Snow being the former Mattie Patterson. Mr. Snow was a farmer.

Mr. Wyatt's five brothers are all deceased, as are their wives, with the exception of Mrs. Essie Davis Snow, the widow of Coley Snow, who still lives in the Fairview Community.

The remaining brothers and their wives are: Robert F. Snow, who with his wife Reba resided in Milton, Fla.; Eugene Snow, who was married to the former Lena Somerset and they made their home on Rt. 3, Elba; Barney Snow, whose wife was Aunie; and they were residents of Enterprise; and Clyatt Snow, whose wife was the former Barbara Wise, and they lived in the Fairview Community.

On December 14, 1919, Mr. Wyatt wed Miss Ollie Williams. She was the daughter and one of 11 children -- 8 boys and 3 girls -- born to John and Molly Williams. She was born in Cullman County near the town of Cullman.

His wife's brothers and sisters were: George, Gaines, Sam, Frank, Jim, Will, Luther, Oscar, Mary Williams Pearce and Julia Williams Farris. Mr. Wyatt thinks all of them are deceased with the exception of Mrs. Pearce, whom he believes resides in a nursing home in Cullman.

He recalled for us his wife's parents going out to Oklahoma in the mid-1890's on mule-and-wagon. Her father was looking for a better way of life for his family, but didn't find it, so the family returned to Cullman after two years. Enroute back to Cullman, they lost a son, who was buried in Mississippi.

Miss Ollie was a nurse and when they were living in Atlanta, she worked as a nurse at White Cross Hospital. He said she used to laugh and say that whenever she retired from the hospital, working in the yard, I was a big fisherman -- I loved it. And Helen told us that "he always had a lot of pride in his home, taking care of it."

Favorite foods and thoughts on cooking: "I like most anything good to eat. I'm a good cook, too! I cooked for myself after my wife died, and worked before she was working. My mama was a good cook, too. That's where I learned -- helping her. I remember cooking when I wasn't big enough to look over the stove, helping Mama. I can make a good biscuit -- I can beat Helen 2-to-1; ask her."

So, we did just that, and sure enough, laughing, Helen replied that he really could beat her in the biscuit-making department! "I guess white would be my favorite color," favorite holiday is "Christmas -- we'd get a few apples, oranges and grapes. Mama always cooked a few cakes -- coconut, jelly, chocolate." And favorite time of the year would be "spring -- it's cool weather."

His advice to the younger generation: "Go somewhere where they can get a good job and go at it! Learn a good trade and stay with it! I don't know as I'd do anything different," was his response when asked what he'd change in his life if he had it to do all over again.

And, a quick firm "I wish I could get out of the nursing home," when asked what he'd wish for if he possessed a magic wand to grant a wish.

Again, a trip down "Memory Lane" from Mr. Wyatt's wealth of memories: "I used to go to all-day singings, I remember going to the Archie Memorial Singing when I was only 9-10 years old. It's held every July 15 years. In 1909-10, when a neighbor died, the aforementioned Mr. Archie, instead of going to the funeral with Mama and Daddy, I heard cotton with Uncle Henry Johnson and his youngsters -- seven or eight of 'em -- and I thought he'd pay me 25- or 50 cents, and that night at quitting time he paid me only 15 cents! Made me mad!"

"My brothers and I would go to any kind of party. We'd walk five or six miles to go to a party. Daddy wouldn't let us take the horse -- he wanted his horse in the barn at night!"

About seeing his first television, he said, "I thought they were a trick. I used to think they were pretty good. I went out and bought the biggest one they made at the time -- 19" one! A crowd would congregate at our house in Atlanta to watch it.

During World War II, Mr. Wyatt worked in the shipyard in Panama City, Fla., for almost two years, and in the Navy yard in Charleston, S.C. for one-and-a-half years. This was in the years of 1942 and -43 in

Mr. Lucious Wyatt Snow

Panama City, and 1944 and -45 in Charleston, and between his employment with Mr. Wellmon and Mr. Starritt.

In response to our question, "How did a good old farm boy like the big city life of Atlanta?" he said, "Yes, I liked Atlanta. I never got robbed or mugged or anything like that. And I carried money in my pocket every day. Most people are pretty good and honest. I worked on the north side of Atlanta where a lot of the rich folks lived. They'd leave diamond rings and watches lying around, and one time, an old boy who worked with us took a watch -- and the woman called the company and he got caught."

In gathering information on Mr. Wyatt, we spoke with a niece, Mrs. Curtis (Helen) Smith, who had the following to say about her uncle: "He's always been a hard worker. He was dedicated to his plumbing trade. Having no children of his own, naturally he was very loving and caring toward the nieces and nephews. He and Aunt Ollie treated all of us as their own children. He's a very independent person and is very intelligent; he's always been a witty person."

While he was living in Atlanta, as Helen recalled, when his mother was around 75 years old, he began having a big birthday celebration in her honor which was held at the old homeplace every April 10; and Mr. Wyatt would gather from far and wide to attend. This special event continued until the death of his mother -- became an annual festive occasion which everyone looked forward to and enjoyed very much.

Hobbies of Mr. Wyatt's include "fishing -- cooking, working in the yard. I was a big fisherman -- I loved it. And Helen told us that "he always had a lot of pride in his home, taking care of it."

Wrestling was my favorite thing on it."

He shared with us that, "My daddy bought a 1916 Model T and that's what I learned to drive on."

He recalled that when he left the farm in 1936, there was no electricity there then -- they used kerosene lamps.

Mr. Wyatt's interest in people is apparent, as he inquired about a dear childhood friend of his, Mr. Leamon Farris, Mr. Leamon, if you happen to read this, or if someone mentions it to you, Mr. Wyatt would love to see you. If you are physically able, please visit him.

And also, anyone else out there desiring a few minutes interesting conversation with a fellow who loves to talk, Mr. Wyatt would welcome you most warmly to come visit him! Won't you go -- today!

\*\*\*We are sorry, but we inadvertently left off Mr. Joe Hodges' name last week in the birthday listing; so, a belated but sincere "Happy Birthdays" to you, Mr. Joe. His birthday was July 9.

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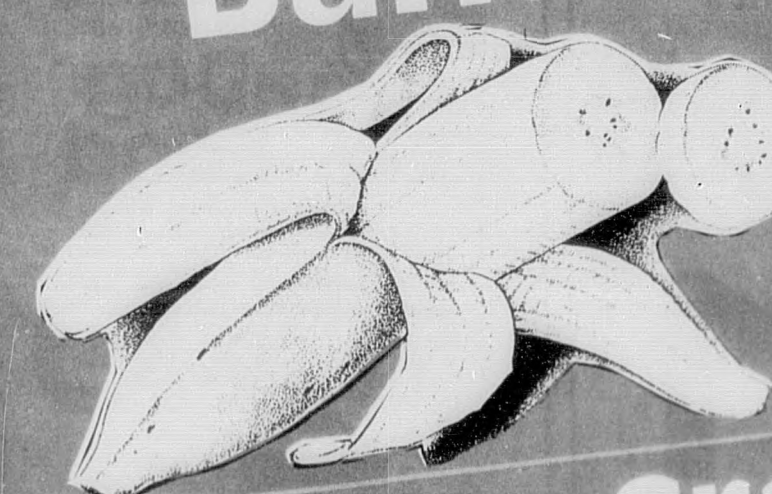
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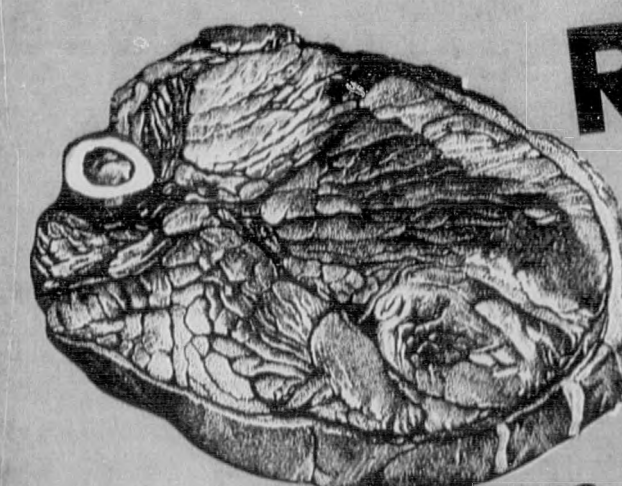
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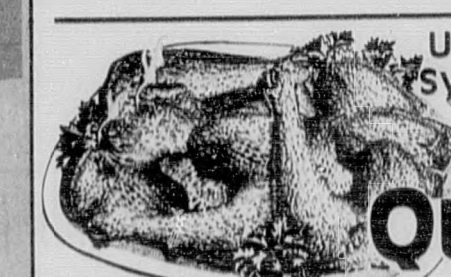
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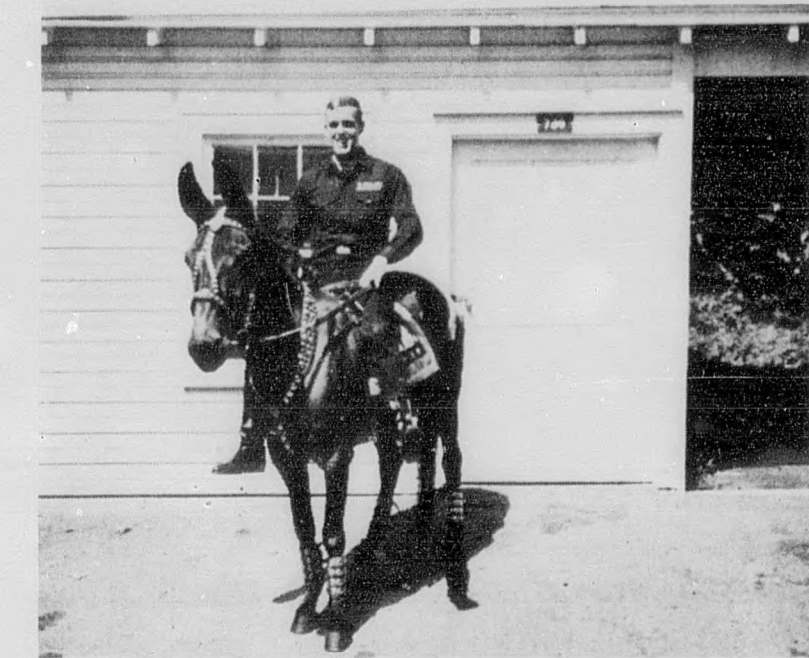
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## Retired Army mule can now enjoy life at Elba farm



West Point cadet Kenneth Strong posed for this picture atop Buckshot during his days at the Academy. One of Strong's duties was to polish the brass showear.

"At the loud clap of a cannon your men in black and gold mounted on four sturdy mules and moved swiftly down the saddle, urging on the Army team. These are the Army mules and riders. The mule, a symbol of sturdiness and resolve, has long come to be a symbol of hard-fighting, tenacious Army teams. The man who leads this rousing charge is a first classman - Ken Strong."

The preceding paragraph was an excerpt from an article that appeared in *The Pointer*, a monthly magazine published by the Corps of Cadets of the United States Military Academy, on November 18, 1966, dealing with the spirit generated by the Army mules and their riders at Army football games.

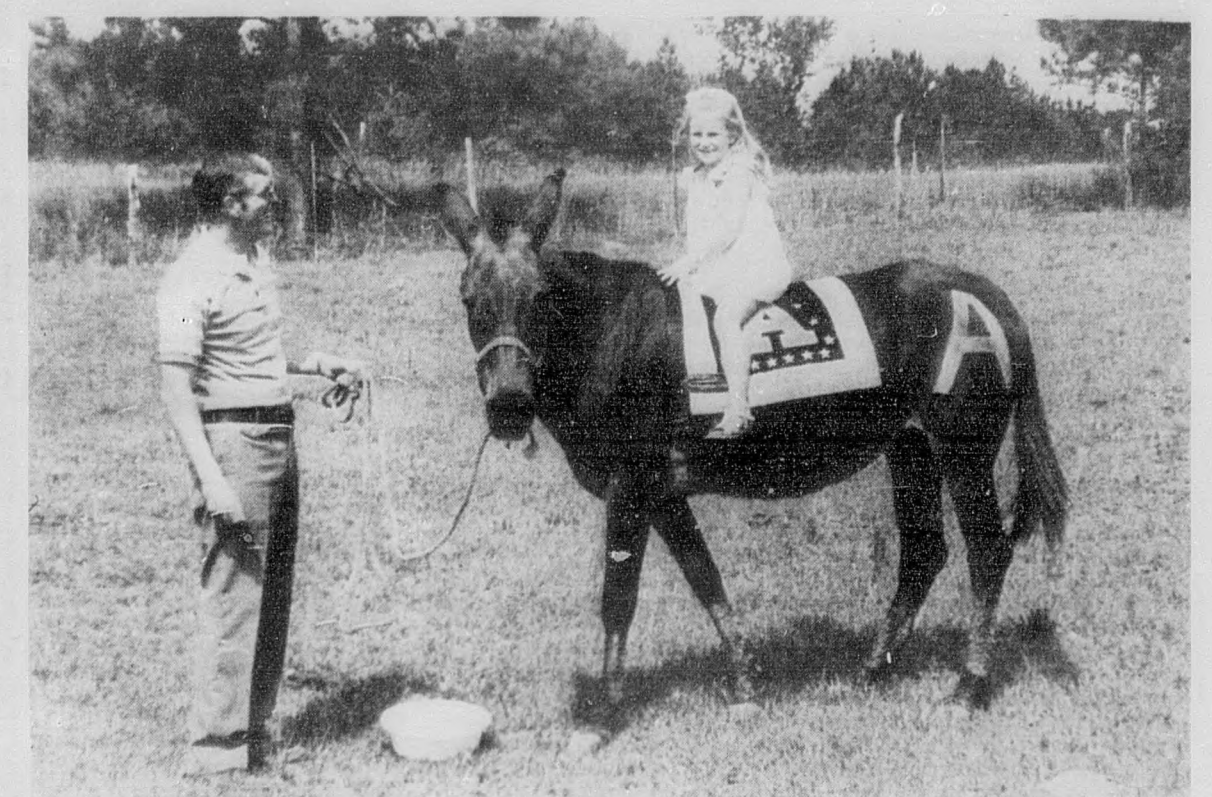
Ken Strong, now a popular optometrist in Elba, has made his home in south Alabama for many years and recently he was joined by his former riding partner "Buckshot," the Army mule that Strong was in charge of during his stay at the academy.

Six years ago Dr. Strong began writing officials at the academy about the possibility of adopting Buckshot after the mule was retired and explained that he had the ideal place for it to live out its remaining years at his farm in Elba.

The official retirement of the mule was delayed for years due to numerous reasons; however, recently Dr. Strong received a call and was asked if he was ready to come get his new boarder.

The Strong family traveled to New York early this month and picked up Buckshot on July 9 for a long three-day journey back to Elba. On the trip back the mule, as well as the Strong's, enjoyed overnight stays at Ft. Myers, Virginia, and Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, before the final stop at the Strong farm west of Elba on the Taylor Mill Road.

Buckshot, presented to the Military Academy by the Air Force



EVERYONE'S HAPPY . . . Dr. Kenneth Strong, his daughter Elizabeth and the family's newest member Buckshot all seem comfortable at the Strong's farm. The stars on the Army blanket represent football victories over Navy during Buckshot's days at the Academy.

Cadet Wing at the Army game in 1964, was officially retired by the Army on July 9, 1966, and the mule's certificate of retirement commended Buckshot for "21 years of faithful and honorable service to the academy."

Buckshot, now 27 years old, was one of four West Point mule mascots and was the oldest and only female member of the Army mascot team when it retired.

"I've always had a special place in my heart for her," Strong said of his newest family member, and my family and I have kept up with her since I graduated. When I first met Buckshot the other handlers couldn't bridle her and they were looking for a rider. I had always been around horses and knew I could win her confidence, so I gladly took the assignment and we became the best of friends.

"After a while I was able to do handstands on her, and I later taught her how to jump. We entered horse shows and actually won ribbons. I was in charge of Buckshot for two-and-a-half years, and enjoyed getting her ready for all public appearances and showing her off.

"We took three mules to the Notre Dame game one year and special security guards met the train because everywhere we went the opposing students always tried to kidnap our mascots," added Strong. "At Notre Dame we left the mules with the guards and went to town, but the guards were actually cadets and tried to kidnap the mules. Mules are stubborn animals when they want to be, and this night they all decided to be extra stubborn, as they all refused to budge.

"The cadets gave up after finding out a mule wasn't the easiest thing in the world to move and

settled for painting a big ND on the side of the animals. The paint wouldn't come off, so we just covered it up with the blanket and no one knew anything had happened.

"Buckshot was always a pet to me," Strong said, "and she loved meeting kids at all functions. They would climb on her and Buckshot would enjoy it as much as the kids. She is still a very docile animal and lets our girls ride when we baby her a little bit."

Dr. Strong stated the mule is now 200 pounds underweight and in need of a long rest that she will get, but said when the old gal gets back up to full strength he plans to walk with her in area parades and hopes to ride her on the field prior to an Elba Tiger football game.

The mule won't look anything like a Tiger; however, Elba folks are proud to have the celebrity in town and will undoubtedly welcome the girl with open arms!

## Hydro officials tell authorities that dam will be in operation in 1987

The Elba Hydro dam is again in the news following a meeting Tuesday morning between Mayor Bob English, Elba Hydro, Inc., officials and three government agencies involved in the project.

The main purpose of the meeting was the still-pending \$31,000 loan from the U.S. Department of Energy to fund a feasibility study in the 1970's. The funds were considered a loan if the reopening of the hydroelectric generation facility was feasible. However, if the project proved to be nonfeasible, the funds would be considered a grant and wouldn't be repayable.

The original study was negative; however, private enterprise came forward and suddenly the project was feasible and the funds began accruing interest and were repayable.

During the following years,

numerous contracts have been signed, a steady stream of experts and financial consultants have visited the site and several lawsuits have been filed. However, Elba Hydro, Inc., was issued a license exemption from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Delays caused them to miss a contract deadline with the City of Elba, but following a turbulent six months, a new proposal was agreed upon and appears to be a reality. Elba Hydro officials said Tuesday they expected to have the first turbine working by the spring of 1987 and the other federally approved generator working before the December 1987 deadline.

No payment has been made on the loan and the energy department representative, Garold Sommers, was asking about the loans to repay. Also present was Ralph Stanford,

from the Alabama Energy Department, and Jerry Chastain, project engineer for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. This department issued the operating license for the facility. He noted in the meeting this would expire in December, 1987. Also present was Larry Bradford and Ray McKinsey of Elba Hydro, Inc.; City Clerk D.M. English and secretary Pat Boothe.

An agreement worked out by Mayor English was accepted by Sommers and will be officially proposed to Energy Department management in Idaho Falls, Idaho. It would allow a three-year waiting period to see if the facility would actually produce electricity. Following this three-year period the loan would be repaid over a ten-year period at no interest. If the facility was not generating at the end of three years, the loan would be forgiven and the city would owe nothing.

Mayor English was to meet later with Larry Bradford and Ray McKinsey of Elba Hydro to work out their plans to fund this to the City of Elba.

During the informal meeting, Bradford told those in attendance that if the last bid of paperwork from Alabama Electric Co-op is received in the next few days, they plan to again begin work at the facility in September, while the water level is low. Alabama Electric has agreed to purchase all the power generated at the facility, Bradford said.

### Open house set

Two Elba doctors will observe Grand Openings of their offices today in Elba.

Visitors may drop by the office of Dr. Thomas P. Knicker, at 978 Drayton Ave., at 1:00 this afternoon, and at the office of Dr. Timothy Jackson, 982 Drayton, at 1:30.

The Chamber of Commerce urges Elba citizens to come by and officially welcome these doctors to Elba.

FRANK BRITT, chairman of the Coffee County School Board, listens as board member Preston Kelley Jr. addresses the problems facing the county school system. The meeting was held last Friday at 7 p.m.

### Elba City Board hires teachers

The Elba City School Board has held two special meetings during the past week. Both meetings involved hiring and reassignment of teachers.

Wednesday, July 16, the board met at 5 p.m. Teachers rehired included Frank Phillips, elementary physical education; Danny Davis, band director; support personnel: Ed Cole, elementary school; Pam McCollough, Chapter 1 aide; Betty Coon - middle school lunchroom; Lessie Harrison - high school lunchroom; Leonard Cook and

Ronnie Jinnright - bus drivers. Pearlite Amison was transferred from Elba High School to the middle school. She teaches language arts. Tuesday morning at 7:30 the board met again briefly to approve the hiring of Lynn Cook as a combination Chapter 1 teacher and Spanish.

### Davis appointed to Elba Council

Elba businessman Malcolm Davis has been appointed to the Elba City Council to fill the unexpired term of Robert Stephens, who resigned the post to accept an appointment to the Coffee County Commission.

Davis was sworn in at the council meeting on Monday, July 21.

Board members also completed plans for attending the county commission meeting to request an additional one-cent sales tax to fund the schools.

Stephens had been appointed to fill the term of Cleo Hawkins in 1985 after Hawkins' death, and replaced Billy Paul Owens on the county commission recently after Owens died of a heart attack. Davis will have two years to serve on the council before his next election.



Garold Sommers, program director for the Federal Energy Commission in Idaho Falls, Idaho, listens to proposals at Tuesday's meeting. Also shown in the photo are Ralph Stanford, center, and Larry Bradford.

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